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A concise explanation of relevance of the items listed on form PTO/SB/08 is in the form of a brief English language copy of several Japanese Search Reports from a foreign patent office, issued in a counterpart application, which refers to the relevant portions of the references.

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